

## **CORA Peer Helper High School Scholarship Award**

**Purpose:** The CORA Peer Helper Scholarship was established to reward an exceptional 8<sup>th</sup> grade student for their participation in our Peer Helper Program. Eligible candidates must be planning on attending a parochial or private high school and already have confirmation of their acceptance. Only students who have exhibited leadership potential and behavior that aligns with CORA's mission of care and compassion will be considered.

**Amount:** A \$1,000 (non-renewable) payment will be made to the high school of the recipient's choice to supplement their tuition.

**Eligibility:** To be considered for the Peer Helper Scholarship, an applicant will need to meet the following requirements:

- Must be an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student enrolled at one of CORA's Peer Helper Schools
- Must be in good academic standing with an average of at least 80%
- Must participate in extracurricular activities (in addition to the Peer Helper Program)
- Must obtain a Recommendation Letter describing what makes them an exemplary candidate
- Must submit the Written Reflection outlined below
- Must obtain a parent or guardian's signature approving CORA to publicize the awardee's name and photograph on CORA's webpage and social media sites
- It is highly encouraged that applicants are registered to represent their school at CORA's Family Festival which will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017.
- The CORA Peer Helper Award winner will be invited to speak at the Peer Helper Conference in October of 2017. If they are unable to attend, they will be expected to submit a written statement that will be read to the participants.

**Deadline:** Applications for the CORA Peer Helper Scholarship Award must be submitted by Friday, May 5, 2017. Please email submissions to [rmcgonigle@coraservices.org](mailto:rmcgonigle@coraservices.org), mail or deliver hard copies to Rachel McGonigle – 3rd Floor, Administration, CORA Services, 8540 Verree Road, Philadelphia, PA 19111.

The Scholarship selection committee will include a member of the CORA Services administrative team, a representative of the CORA School Services Division, a representative of the CORA Community Services Division and a member of CORA's Board of Directors.

CORA Services and CORA's Board of Directors reserve the right to rescind the gift if it is determined by the scholarship committee that the awardee has behaved in a way that does not align with CORA's mission of care and compassion.

**Written Reflection:** Please prepare at least two paragraphs answering each question. Please use your own words and handwrite neatly.

**1) Written Reflection Part 1 - Peer Helpers Impact Schools**

Why are CORA’s Peer Helper Program and the CORA Counselor at your school important? What services do you provide as a Peer Helper and how have they impacted others or made a difference? *Please provide specific examples with details.*

**2) Written Reflection Part 2 - Peer Helpers Promote Leadership**

Why did you choose to become a peer helper and how has it influenced you? What valuable skills or experiences did you gain from participating in CORA’s Peer Helper Program and how will they benefit you in the future? *Please provide personal examples of your experiences.*

**CORA Peer Helper Award Nomination Form**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (2016-2017) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade School Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade School Principal’s Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

CORA Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

**CORA Counselor’s Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian’s Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

High School you plan on attending: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include this form and the following items to complete your application:

- A copy of your most recent report card verifying your grades
- A Recommendation Letter from one of your teachers
- Your Written Reflection

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